

Hampton Clean City Commission's School Pride In Action Committee

The School Pride In Action Committee is a network of educators committed to providing environmentally related activities and education to students. The committee creates an awareness among Hampton youth of the role they play in litter prevention, recycling, and environmental responsibility.

Members encourage citizenship skills and interest in science through environmental projects and activities.

Members can be formal or non-formal educators, youth, and others interested in promoting the goals of the committee.

Recognition

Hampton Green School Awards

Up to five schools that complete criteria for Green School Awards are recognized annually at the HCCC Volunteer Recognition Dinner. Winners are selected based on a survey conducted annually that reviews litter prevention, recycling, beautification, energy and water conservation, and environmental education efforts.

Virginia Naturally Awards

Applicants for this Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation award receive state recognition for their ongoing environmental awareness programs.

Keep Virginia Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful Awards

Youth are recognized at the state and national levels for their beautification, community improvement, litter prevention, and solid waste reduction efforts.



**School
Pride
In Action**



**Youth Keeping
Hampton
Clean & Beautiful**

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LEARNING

Classroom Presentations

School Pride In Action members present SOL-correlated hands-on classroom activities to public and private schools. Presentations focus on solid waste management and urban forestry topics.

Enrichment & Extracurricular Program Presentations

Fun activities that help youth understand their natural world and their role in it are the focus of the extracurricular presentations provided through the School Pride In Action Program.

Teacher Training

Hampton teachers and informal educators are eligible to attend teacher training programs that include training on the use of nationally recognized curricula such as Keep America Beautiful's *Waste In Place*, *Project Learning Tree*, *Project Wild*, and others.

Training on the development and use of schoolyard habitats is also provided by School Pride In Action.

School Assemblies

HCCC and its partners offer a variety of environmental education assemblies.



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Environmental Projects

Hampton youth participate in a wide variety of environmental projects, including litter cleanups, beautification projects, school recycling, and implementing schoolyard habitats. Sponsors from the public and private sectors provide needed supplies and expertise to help our youth develop project implementation skills.

Classroom and Group Hand-On Learning Activities

Youth learn to how to identify trees, predict litter transition zones, improve soil, and plant trees, among other activities, through HCCC sponsored youth activities and presentations.

Community Environmental Service

Hampton youth distribute litter bags, staff environmental displays, produce plays, plant trees, help elderly people with yards, plant bay grass, clean up trash, and conduct numerous other community environmental projects.

Ecology Clubs

Leadership skills and environmental interest are developed through ecology clubs and related extracurricular activities. HCCC encourages and supports environmental clubs at all levels of education by providing support materials, expertise, and activities.

Student Environmental Conference

Secondary students learn and share together at a conference planned just for them. Environmental careers, training for environmental project planning, sharing club

SHARING

project ideas, and more are on the agenda.

Grants Information and Resources

Members of the School Pride in Action Committee receive information about grants, resource materials, training, and other support through HCCC e-mails. Members share advice and ideas with one another, and support each others' activities in every way they can. HCCC offers educational materials for youth.

Activities Kits

HCCC has kits available to loan to educators to promote environmental education activities such as Garbage Pizza, Preventable Journey, Plastics by the Numbers, and others.

Video Tapes & Books

A variety of videotapes and books on environmental topics for educator use are available for loan.

Hampton schools, whether public or private, are recognized for their efforts in maintaining strong environmental education efforts and encouraging schoolyard beautification and outdoor classroom efforts.

